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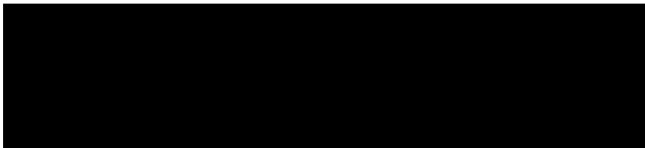
MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Excerpt from Clark Report on the CIA Building

The following comment from the Clark report might prove useful in your quest for a building:

"The task force strongly recommends that efforts be continued to procure the appropriation of such funds as may be necessary for this purpose (latest estimate about \$55 million), as the savings indicated above in the amount of almost \$3 million per year, would, if applied to this purpose, pay the entire initial costs of such a building in less than 20 years. In this connection, the task force is of the opinion that it is neither feasible nor desirable to move any part of the Agency to a location far removed from Washington, and that preferably the CIA should be housed at a single location. It is essential that the DCI be located close enough to be available immediately to the President and other members of the Security Council. Also, there are from 50 to 100 of CIA's senior staff officers who must be in close contact daily with personnel of other agencies, particularly of the Departments of State and Defense, and who must also be available immediately to the DCI, as well as to those components of the Agency under their supervision, and upon which they are dependent for staff advice and operational support. Hence, the necessity for such close and expeditious coordination within the CIA and within the entire intelligence community dictates that the entire agency (CIA) be housed preferably in one building and at a location as near to the seat of Government as the overall defense planning permits."

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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick,  
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